

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 119, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6163–S6223

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2947–2966, and S. Res. 585–591. **Pages S6204–05**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 1447, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies.

S. 1744, to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for security clearances, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2520, to improve the Freedom of Information Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6204**

Measures Passed:

Sudden Unexpected Death Data Enhancement and Awareness Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 669, to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3957, to amend the title. **Page S6219**

Reid (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3958, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6219**

Small Rural Hospitals: Senate passed H.R. 4067, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2014. **Page S6219**

Service of Women in the Armed Forces of the United States: Senate passed H.R. 5441, to amend

the Federal charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to reflect the service of women in the Armed Forces of the United States. **Page S6219**

STELA Reauthorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 5728, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations. **Page S6219–20**

National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 580, expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6220**

Drive Safer Sunday: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 583, designating November 30, 2014, as “Drive Safer Sunday”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6220**

Rural Access to Hospitals and Health Care Providers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 588, recognizing that access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas of the United States is essential to the survival and success of communities in the United States. **Page S6221**

Honoring the Life of Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino: Senate agreed to S. Res. 589, honoring the life of Thomas M. Menino, Mayor of Boston, Massachusetts, from 1993 to 2014. **Page S6221**

National Native American Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 590, recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States. **Page S6221**

Convening Date for 114th Congress: Senate passed H.J. Res. 129, appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress. **Page S6222**

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 119, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page S6222**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the adjournment or recess of the Senate from Thursday, November 20, 2014 through Monday, December 1, 2014, the Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions. **Page S6222**

Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S6222**

Mamet Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Noah Bryson Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic. **Page S6186**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, November 20, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, December 1, 2014. **Page S6186**

Bell Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Colleen Bradley Bell, of California, to be Ambassador to Hungary. **Page S6187**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Noah Bryson Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic. **Page S6187**

Coloretti Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Page S6187**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provi-

sions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Colleen Bradley Bell, of California, to be Ambassador to Hungary. **Page S6187**

Adler Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert S. Adler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. **Page S6187**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Page S6187**

Burrows Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. **Page S6187**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Robert S. Adler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. **Page S6187**

Lopez Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of P. David Lopez, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. **Page S6188**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. **Page S6188**

Mamet and Bell Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, December 1, 2014, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Noah Bryson Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic, and Colleen Bradley Bell, of California, to be Ambassador to Hungary; that if cloture is invoked on either of these nominations, that at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, all post-cloture time be expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations, in the order upon which cloture was invoked; and that there be two minutes for debate prior to each vote and all roll call votes after the first vote in each sequence be ten minutes in length. **Page S6188**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 288), Pamela Pepper, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. **Pages S6176–78, S6223**

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 289), Brenda K. Sannes, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York. **Pages S6176–78, S6223**

Madeline Cox Arleo, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Pages S6176–78, S6223**

Wendy Beetlestone, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S6176–78, S6223**

By 49 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 290), Victor Allen Bolden, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut. **Pages S6176–78, S6223**

James D. Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova. **Pages S6178–80, S6223**

Pamela Leora Spratlen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan. **Pages S6178–80, S6223**

Tamara Wenda Ashford, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years. **Pages S6178–80, S6222**

L. Paige Marvel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years. **Pages S6178–80, S6222**

Cary Douglas Pugh, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years. **Pages S6178–80, S6223**

Ramin Toloui, of Iowa, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S6178–80, S6223**

Lisa Afua Serwah Mensah, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development. **Pages S6178–80, S6223**

George Albert Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan. **Pages S6178–80, S6222**

Luis G. Moreno, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Jamaica. **Pages S6178–80, S6222**

Donald Lu, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania. **Pages S6178–80, S6222**

Brent Robert Hartley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia. **Pages S6178–80, S6223**

Robert M. Speer, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army. **Pages S6178–80, S6223**

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. **Pages S6188, S6223**

Routine lists in the Coast Guard, and Foreign Service. **Pages S6188, S6223**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ann Donnelly, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Roseann A. Ketchmark, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

Travis Randall McDonough, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. **Page S6222**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—290) **Pages S6177–78**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 119, at 7:22 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 1, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6222.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TAKATA AIRBAG RECALLS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Takata airbag recalls and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) recall process, after receiving testimony from David J. Friedman, Deputy Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Hiroshi Shimizu, Takata Corporation, Tokyo, Japan; Rick Schostek, Honda North America, Inc., Marysville, Ohio; Scott G. Kunselman, Chrysler Group LLC, Auburn Hills, Michigan; and Stephanie Erdman, Destin, Florida.

WALL STREET BANK INVOLVEMENT WITH PHYSICAL COMMODITIES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations